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SENIOR CLASS PLAY WAS BIG SUCCESS DREW LARGE CROWD

MANY UNABLE TO OBTAIN ADMITTANCE TO PLAY GIVEN BY THE SENIOR CLASS

Much credit must be given to Miss Cady, the director of the Senior play, for the creditable way in which "The Merchant of Venice Up-to-Date" was presented. The play started promptly at 8:15 to music from the high school orchestra. The curtain went up on a full house and from the first to the last act the production was of the highest quality. The hero and heroine, Fuller Dorr and Eileen Bolenbaugh, as Bassanio and Portia, were well suited to their parts. The part of Shylock was well drawn by Andrew Kramer and The Merchant of Venice, Antonio, taken by Maurice McNaughton, was well portrayed. Gayle Mehney and Veva Mandeville as Gratiano and Nerissa did credit to their parts and Gertrude Wickes as Launcelot Gobbo was the life and fun of the entire production. Jessica, Shylock's ward, was well portrayed by Irene Dorr and Mrs. Gobbo, by Sylvia Hoyt. Other members of the cast deserving credit are: Keith Gildmeister, in his characterization of the Professor, Vern Bailey as the Duke of Venice and LeRoy McKiddie as Tubal. Irene Dorr's portrayal of the school teacher, Miss Abbie S. Thredwell, was very realistic. Mildred Shores as Polly, the maid, George Skellenger as the Pooleman, Freida Day as Antonio's mother and the foot ball players also helped to make the play the success it was.

The features presented by members of the class between the acts were of the highest rank and Marion Cusser and Louise Wilson deserve much praise for the creditable way in which they drilled the different groups in their dances. The vocal solo by Elizabeth Raynor and the violin solo by Cleotah Burns was much appreciated by the audience. The band selections by LeRoy McKiddie and Veva Mandeville were very unique in character and were much enjoyed by the audience.

What a pity that the new High school is not available for the splendid gift which the proceeds, which was over two hundred and seventy-five dollars, will give. Nothing could be of more general and excellent value to the city and community than the radiophone which the seniors will leave as their remembrance.

We hope the auditorium in the New High school will be large enough to accommodate twice as large an audience as the opera house and that all the proceeds of the plays in the future will be held there.

Over one hundred people were turned away for lack of room in the opera house.

More Bus Service
Owing to the fact the Pere Marquette has taken the two afternoon flyers, Belding & Emmons, proprietors of the Belding-Grand Rapids autotour have decided to put on an extra bus to care for the people who wish to make afternoon trips between here and Grand Rapids. An extra bus will leave Grand Rapids every afternoon at 1:30 and arrive in this city at 3:05. Returning, the bus will leave this city at 5:00 and reach Grand Rapids at 6:30. The Sunday schedule will vary in that the bus will leave Grand Rapids every Sunday morning at 9:00 and will leave here on its return trip every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Notice
The regular meeting of Venus chapter No. 107, O. E. S. Saturday March 18 will be Past Matrons meeting. All members are requested to be present. Dinner at 12:30. Meeting called to order at 2:30 p. m.

We have just received our new samples and price lists for name cards. All orders filled promptly.

Coming Events

March 17—Skovgaard, violinist.
March 27—Masonic fair, Masonic hall, services of Fellowship club.
April 5—Board of Commerce supper with Edmund E. Gunther, of Van A-hor, speaker, on "How to Make Belding More Beautiful". Date postponed from March 20 to April 5.
April 6—Herbert Leon Cope, humorist.
April 14—High school carnival at High school auditorium.
March 21—Parent-Teacher meeting at High school auditorium, Miss Pratt home demonstration agent of M. A. C. will speak.
Oct. 17-18—Home talent play at Opera House, by Ladies Social Circle of Congregational church.
Bring in your other dates for the future.

Arrested On Moonshine Charge
Greenville officers arrested Joe Reed formerly in the garage business here, on a charge of transporting and selling liquor contrary to law. The arrest was made Monday evening. Reed was suspected of having considerable to do with rum running while he operated the local garage and was under close surveillance up to the time he skipped out, leaving his creditors in the lurch for their pay and was later on declared bankrupt. His garage equipment was sold and he has been working at Greenville for some time.

Baptist Church News
Go to Sunday school congregations in the Baptist church are very inspiring. The social meeting of the Mens Bible class held at Mr. Kendall's, was a hummer. It was the banner meeting of the class, 27 men present. Next Sunday is go to Sunday school Sunday with us. Then we expect to reach 200 in attendance. Without any contest the steady, faithful work of teachers and scholars is lifting the school on to a high plane of enthusiasm. Anti-Saloon League workers will speak in the various churches next Sunday, Mar. 19th.

CONCERT AUDIENCE FILLED M. E. CHURCH FRIDAY EVENING

LOCAL BAND PLEASED GOOD SIZED AUDIENCE WITH ITS MUSICAL PROGRAM

The Central M. E. church was filled to capacity by the large audience which attended the mid-winter musical concert given by the Belding City Band.

The first number on the program was a march—"Quality-Plus", the second number was a selection—"Bohemian-Girl", a beautiful selection, the third number was—"Raggy Trombone", a great amount of applause was given when this selection was finished. The fourth number was an overture—"Abelard and Heloise".

Miss Elizabeth Raynor, music and art teacher of the Belding school, accompanied by Miss Geraldine Spencer at the piano, sang two beautiful pieces—"Irish Folk Song" and "Homing" for which she received much applause.

The St. Cecilia String Quintette, of Grand Rapids then appeared, consisting of five ladies with three violins, one viola and a piano, playing "Evening Idyl" introduced Sunset, Evening festivities and Dreamland.

The band then played "Hermosillo Overture" two beautiful selections. The St. Cecilia String Quintette again appeared and played three delightful selections taken from Henry VIII. The aggregation of young ladies from Grand Rapids was especially appreciated. They gave the audience some of the finest violin music this town has had in some time. They were very kind in breaking an engagement in Grand Rapids for the occasion.

Miss Raynor's singing was also greatly appreciated. She is a talented singer, possessing a splendid soprano voice.

Licenses In Plain Sight
State authorities this week started a campaign to make all automobile owners and drivers display their license plates in a conspicuous place and in plain sight at all times. Local officers have been informed that the plates must be carried in a horizontal position and in a place where mud and dirt will not easily obliterate the numerals on the plate. If the auto owner or driver refuses to comply with the request, he will be liable to prosecution.

Former Resident Dead
Edward Tissue, aged 78, died at the home, 407 N. Francis street Sunday. He was a member of the M. E. church at Belding, Mich. Mr. Tissue leaves his widow, Mrs. Jennie Tissue, and two daughters, Mrs. Charles Darling of Lansing, and Mrs. F. F. Pretzel of Albion. Short services will be held at home at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Rev. Esvelo officiating. The body will be taken to Crystal, Mich., where services will be held at the Dunkard church at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon, with burial at Crystal cemetery—Lansing Capital News. Mr. Tissue was a former resident of this city.

Notice
The Parent-Teacher meeting will be held at the High school, Tuesday evening, March 21. Miss Pratt, home demonstration agent of M. A. C. will give an address. At M. A. C. will give an address. Miss Pratt is an excellent speaker and will bring a message worth your time to hear. Let us have a good attendance.

BIG BARN AND CONTENTS BURN IN NIGHT FIRE

SIX HORSES BURNED TO DEATH
HEROIC WORK SAVES FINE
HERD OF CATTLE

Fire of unknown origin was discovered Sunday night at about nine o'clock in the large barn on the B. F. Hall farm in Orleans township, east of this city, but not however until it had gained such headway that all efforts to save the fine large building were in vain and the flames soon reduced it, together with a large quantity of hay, several tons of meal and feed, a large number of farm tools and six fine horses which were used on the farm, to a mass of smoldering ruins.

Don Dean, manager of the farm, together with his son and other helpers, had been in the barn a short time before the fire was discovered and the Dean family was preparing to retire for the night when the building was discovered to be burning.

The fire had spread to all parts of the barn and Mr. Dean, realizing that it was of no use to try and save the building, turned his attention and efforts to the saving of the horses and cattle which were housed in the barn. Rushing to the barn to liberate the horses the men were beaten back by the flames and left the horses to their terrible fate. The rescuers then hurried to the basement where 63 head of cattle, a large number of them registered Aberdeen-Angus, together with 37 head of Durham feeders, were kept. Some thirty of the animals were tied and it was only by the most heroic work on the part of Mr. Dean and his assistants that the cattle were liberated. While the men were working in the cattle barn the flames had made such headway and the heat had become so intense that it was with great danger and difficulty that the men worked and the cattle were on the verge of a stampede when they were finally driven into the yard. After the animals were driven into this yard, it was still necessary to cut 26 strands of wire which comprised a fence, so that the animals, which were nearly wild and suffering intensely from the great heat, could get into the field on the west of the barn. All the time while the men were working with the cattle, they could hear the pounding and kicking of the doomed horses, as they made frantic efforts to get away from the flames.

The local fire department took the big truck out to the fire, but owing to the structure and the department's efforts were confined to saving several other smaller buildings on the farm. The wind was in favor of the other buildings, which were located to the south and east of the burned barn and with a south wind, they were at no time in serious danger of burning. Sparks from the burning barn, however, carried far over the road to the north and over into a field on the Post farm and set fire to several stacks of hay and straw which were located there.

The barn was 48 by 80 feet in size and was practically a new structure having replaced the one which was blown down and wrecked by a tornado which visited the section several years ago. The financial loss will range in the neighborhood of \$7,000 to \$10,000 and this is fully covered by insurance. Mr. Hall immediately laid plans for the erection of a new and larger barn which will occupy the site of the burned building. The farm has for years been operated largely as an apple ranch and in the picking season certain work was done on the barn floor, which proved to be too small and when the new barn is put up, it will be large enough so that the apple work can be taken care of in more commodious quarters.

While Mr. Hall has for years specialized in apples, he has at the same time been building up a fine herd of registered Aberdeen-Angus cattle and the stock was of the best. Only that morning a large herd of Durham feeders which Mr. Hall had purchased in Chicago, had been driven out to the farm and they were spending their first night in the barn when it burned.

Mr. Dean, manager of the farm, is of the opinion that the fire is of incendiary origin, but Mr. Hall, when asked what he thought of the fire brand idea, said that he did not think so and wondered why anyone should want to destroy a building by firing it. He is of the opinion that it was started from some other mysterious, unknown and natural cause and that while undoubtedly some barns may have been fired in this county recently, that incendiarists had nothing to do with the burning of his barn.

The sky was illuminated for many miles around by the leaping flames and hundreds of automobiles, each loaded to capacity with people from this city and the country for miles around the burning barn, visited the place.

Notice Rebekahs
The Rebekah Thimble Party will have their regular meeting March 17 in I. O. O. F. hall. Pot luck supper, at 6:30. All Rebekahs and husbands or sweethearts and Odd Fellows and wives or sweethearts are invited. St. Patrick's party in the evening. Everyone is expected to wear some green or be fined.

Notice To Seniors
We have just received our new samples and price lists for name cards. Call in and see some of our new styles. We receive and fill orders promptly.
—Banner-News Office.

DISCLOSED FRAUDULENT EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

Large numbers of persons have been made victims of fraudulent advertising for labor in connection with the Muscle Shoals project near Florence, Ala. It is said in a statement issued today by the United States Civil Service Commission of Washington, D. C.

It is stated by the Commission that there has been brought to its attention recent advertising throughout the country in which persons out to work have been promised positions at the Muscle Shoals project, conditioned upon their paying a registration fee of one dollar each. It is said that large numbers of unemployed men have responded, paying the required registration fee and receiving nothing in return. It is understood that the matter is to be presented to the Department of Justice for investigation and possible prosecution.

The Civil Service Commission states that further operations at Muscle Shoals depend upon action of Congress, and that no one can say at this time whether the Government will resume the work, or whether it will be conducted under private ownership or contract. In any event, the Commission said, there is no justification for advertising for labor to be employed at the project. If the Government undertakes to complete the work, such labor as may be necessary will be secured in the usual way, through Government agencies. It is said, furthermore, that it is certain that no private person or company is taking steps to secure labor for Muscle Shoals in the present uncertainty.

The Civil Service Commission warns the public against the paying of money in the hope of securing employment at Muscle Shoals.

Sells Interest In Company
Luther M. Berry, who for the past fourteen years has been a partner in the company, known as the E. J. Knapp Co., manufacturers of Wolvoire paints and cements, has sold out his interest to the other members of the company, who will assume all liabilities, accounts, etc., and continue the business in the same manner as before. Mr. Berry is undecided as to his future activities, but has several good propositions pending.

Attention Holy Name Men
Please attend Holy name services Friday night and go from the church to the residence of Mrs. Hetherington to recite the rosary for our deceased brother, Thos. Bracken, Sr.
Albert E. Hanson, Pres.

Pythian Sisters Notice
Regular meeting Monday night, March 20, 8 o'clock.

OPINIONS OF PRESS CONCERNING SKOVGAARDS

Rome, Georgia, Tribune Herald—"Great Danish Violinist plays to large and attractive audience"—Axel Skovgaard, violinist, and Madame Skovgaard, pianist, delightful artists are perfect masters of their penured last evening before a large audience at Carnegie hall. The concert was a rare musical event. Both artists are perfect masters of their instruments, overcoming technical difficulties with ease. The comprehension which characterized their playing proved that they possessed a complete knowledge of their art.
Elizabeth City, (N. C.) Advance—



The Skovgaards who appear at Church of Christ, Friday Night

"Skovgaard Delighted Audience Last Night" concert of exquisite violin and piano renditions was given at the High school auditorium Wednesday night when Axel Skovgaard, the Danish violinist and Madame Alice McClung-Skovgaard, talented pianist appeared for the first time before an Elizabeth City audience. Subordinating technique to melody, Skovgaard

SAYS SUN TIME SHOULD BE USED BY EVERYBODY

LOCAL WRITER IN GRAND RAPIDS PAPER POINTS OUT SUN TIME ADVANTAGES

Writing in the Public Pulse column of the Grand Rapids Press, P. G. Wright, local resident, sets up a plea for sun time in the place of the so-called daylight-saving or Eastern time and Central standard time, pointing out the advantages which the use of sun time would bring to the people in general, at the same time telling of the disadvantages of changing temporarily to Eastern time as has been the custom for a few years past.

Mr. Wright's article is of interest to many local people and is as follows:

After reading the little talk of two good, sensible farmers, George Bolt-house of Grandville and Alexander Minty, of Ionia, permit me to say a few words in regard to the daylight-saving idea.

I live in the city of Belding, called the silk city of Michigan, where the factories employ a great many men, women and girls. The silk factories run only eight hours a day and one-half day off every Saturday. Now when the mills close at 5 o'clock last time, or rather eastern time, it is about the middle of the afternoon. Every man, boy and even some of the girls that can get an automobile in any way, shape or manner, has got one and they are planning on a trip or joy ride somewhere all the time. When the men and boys could be making a garden and the girls their dresses or doing their washing, lots of high-saving ideas.

Trich came here a year ago and went immediately to the home of Dr. Orr, who when a girl in school had worked in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Trich for a short time, not as a member of the family, but paying her way well for the accommodations she received from Mr. and Mrs. Trich. After a short stay with the family, Dr. Orr left and since then had heard nothing from the family until the morning of Trich's arrival, when she received a note that he would be here that very day. Supposing that he was only going to make a call, the doctor welcomed him and later on that day when he showed no disposition of going to his home, she continued to make the doctor's residence his home, despite her several requests to get out and secure a place for himself.

Last week when Dr. Orr told him that she could have him around no longer, Trich told her that he would think of leaving and when she told him that he must, the old fellow came back and told her that when he went he would take her along with him and that together they would make the trip over the unbridged chasm from which no traveler has yet returned. Trich followed up this assertion with a statement that he had a 32 caliber revolver loaded and in readiness to use on the doctor the minute she tried to get him out.

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At a result Trich will undoubtedly have to stand trial on the charge of having counterfeit dies in his possession. The aged man stated that he had always worked on the illegal dies and that he had always had a liking for that work, but claimed that he had never passed any of the money. Federal authorities who were called in the case, however, think that this is an untruth and they are of the opinion that in the apprehension of Trich, they have a man they have been looking for for a long time. In case of his conviction on the counterfeit charge, he would serve from five to fifteen years in Leavenworth federal prison.

Trich, for many years, had worked as a Carpenter and contractor and had worked some at his trade here.

Easter Supper
An Easter supper will be served in the dining room of the Methodist church, March 18. Menu: Bacon, eggs, mashed potatoes, cabbage salad, hot biscuits, maple syrup, coffee and doughnuts. Tickets 50 cents.

EXPANDS IN BUSINESS

Harold V. Wood of Grand Rapids was in the city calling on his friends and patrons of the motor freight line of which he is the head and also visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wood. Harold has recently expanded in business and has taken the sales and service agency of the Republic trucks for the western district of Michigan, the territory allotted to him being thirteen counties. He has organized the Republic Sales & Service Co., of which he is the head and they already have a large garage at Grand Rapids from which they will take care of the business in the district.

Caught In Storm-Bound North
Joel Palmer, of Orleans, returned to his home in that village, Friday night after having been detained in the northern part of the state for some time. Mr. Palmer went up state on a business trip and while there suffered an attack of the flu and was confined to his bed for several days when the big snow and sleet storm struck the country and tied up traffic so that he was unable to get home.

LEVENWORTH PRISON DOORS WILL OPEN FOR LOCAL MAN

SET OF COUNTERFEITERS DIES FOUND AMONG EFFECTS OF AGED CONTRACTOR

Sheriff Mark Hoppough was called to this city, Wednesday afternoon, of last week to arrest Frank Trich, aged 72 years who had been making his home at the residence of Dr. Marjory M. Orr, well known local physician for the past year and the chances are that had he done as requested by the doctor, he would still have been enjoying his freedom.

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ILLNESS PROVES FATAL TO VETERAN HOTEL MANAGER

BODY IS ON WAY BACK TO BELDING FOR FUNERAL AND BURIAL

Word reached this city Tuesday morning that Tom Bracken, veteran clerk and manager of the Hotel Belding, had succumbed to the disease which attacked him some weeks ago while at his work in a Tucson, Arizona, hotel and that he had died at five o'clock Monday afternoon, after having lain in a hopeless condition for weeks, with his death expected at any time.



THOMAS BRACKEN, SR.

Mr. Bracken was 62 years old and came to this country from Ireland when a young man. He became acquainted with the late Wendell P. Hetherington in Massachusetts and when the latter came to open up and manage the Hotel Belding, Tom Bracken came with him to act in the capacity as clerk. During the thirty years which Mr. Hetherington managed the hotel, Mr. Bracken was with him and no more faithful or trustworthy person than Mr. Bracken ever held a position. During the many years that he was associated with Mr. Hetherington he became so attached that when he learned of his old friend's sudden death, late in December, he suffered a collapse and pernicious anemia set in, resulting in his death. Monday afternoon at five o'clock, Mr. Bracken's body was taken to the home of Mrs. W. P. Hetherington, corner of Hanover and Washington streets and the funeral will be held from St. Joseph's Catholic church, Monday morning at nine o'clock. Interment will be in St. Joseph's cemetery.

No greater tribute could be paid any man than was paid to Mr. Bracken by Rev. Fr. John M. Zindler, a former local priest of this parish and a man who knew the true worth and character of Mr. Bracken. In a telegram which Fr. Zindler sent to this office late this afternoon which reads as follows: "I am grieved to hear of Mr. Thomas Bracken's death. He was one of God's noblest men—the salt of the earth. I will attend the funeral." We are told that Fr. Zindler will preach the funeral sermon.

Announcement
There will be another meeting of Belding Sportsmen club March 16 at 7 o'clock. There will be some changes in the constitution and other important business to come before the meeting. Try and be present.
S. O'Connor, Sec.

F. & A. M. Notice
Past Masters Night, Wednesday March 22nd. Dinner 6:00 p. m. All Master Masons cordially invited.
W. M.

We have just received our new samples and price lists for name cards. All orders filled promptly.

DANCING
Every Saturday Night
HUBBELL HALL, BELDING
Tiger Hale's Big Syncopated Orchestra
Everybody Invited
—Dancing 8:30 to 12

SKOVGAARDS School Course Church of Christ IS YOUR SEAT RESERVED?

Wortley may have one left.
FRIDAY, MARCH 17th
8:00 o'clock

FAIR!

Masonic Hall

Monday Evening,

MARCH 27

7 p. m. till 1 a. m.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB

Ford Touring Car, Auto Robe and Floor Lamp given away.